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The Honorable Michael Machado
Delta Protection Commission
P.O. Box 530
Walnut Grove, CA 95690

Dear Senator Machado

On behalf of the Bay Point Garden Club (BPGC), I am writing to express my strong support and commitment for a National Heritage Area (NHA) designation in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The BPGC can potentially serve as a partner for a Delta NHA by assisting the management entity with tasks such as local outreach, and utilizing our website to bring awareness to NHA activities.

The BPGC is an organization that helps instill community pride among its residents in Bay Point, an unincorporated area located in the Delta. The club organizes the Bay Point Spring Derby, an annual event celebrated on Memorial Day. It brings together the many different cultural groups that reside in the community to celebrate their proud heritage. For the past five years, it has attracted thousands of participants and visitors from other neighboring areas.

The Bay Point Spring Derby and the Delta NHA are compatible in many ways. Both projects are valuable tools to help the Delta gain visibility as a destination for recreation and tourism activities, thus assisting with both economic development and public education.

We give full support for a Delta NHA and look forward to partnering with the Delta Protection Commission to further pursue this effort.

Sincerely yours,

Mae Cendaña Torlakson